

MOORES POND (Warwick)

General Information:

This is a small, 31-acre, cold water pond located two miles north of the intersection of Wendell and Hockanum Road. Access is an informal right of way provided by the town of Warwick on the northwestern shore off Wendell Road. It is suitable only for car top boats and canoes. **Outboard motors are restricted to 10 horsepower or less**. The pond is extensively used for boating and swimming and much of the shoreline is private property.

The pond is characterized by brown water with a transparency of 16 feet and mean and maximum depths of 13 feet and 24 feet respectively. Trout water is 21% by volume. The bottom is mud and silt and the one-mile of shoreline is 65% developed. There are 16 residential dwellings. Aquatic vegetation is very heavy at the northern end of the pond.

Moores Pond can be located on the U.S.G.S. topographic quad map titled "Mt. Grace." Nearby fishing areas include Laurel Lake, Sheomet Pond, Lake Mattawa and the Millers River.

Fish Populations:

The fish population was last sampled during a 1980 summer survey. The 13 species observed, listed in order of abundance, include pumpkinseeds, white sucker, golden shiner, yellow perch, creek chubsuckers, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel, bluegills, brown bullhead, black crappie, brook trout and rainbow trout.

Fishing:

Much of the pond's biomass (52.5%) is tied up in white suckers. Pickerel growth is very slow and legal size fish are not numerous. The largemouth sample was inadequate to evaluate this species. Yellow perch are the best bet for panfishing. Black crappie is scarce, while pumpkinseeds are numerous.

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